

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The coated aluminum substrate of claim 18 ~~powder coating composition of claim 2~~ wherein the alkyl group or branched alkyl group contains from 1 to 18 carbon atoms.
4. (Currently Amended) The coated aluminum substrate ~~powder coating composition of claim 19~~ wherein said phenolic compound is 2,6 di-tert-butyl-4-methyl-phenol.
5. (Currently Amended) The coated aluminum substrate of claim 18 ~~powder coating composition of claim 4~~ wherein said polymer containing reactive carboxylic functional groups is selected from the group consisting of acrylic polymers, polyester polymers, and polyurethane polymers.
6. (Currently Amended) The coated aluminum substrate ~~powder coating composition of claim 18~~ wherein said polymer has a number average molecular weight of from 1,000 to 20,000.
7. (Currently Amended) The coated aluminum substrate ~~powder coating composition of claim 18~~ wherein said polymer has an equivalent weight equal from 200 to 2,500.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently Amended) The coated aluminum substrate ~~powder coating composition of claim 18~~ wherein the beta-hydroxyalkylamide is bis-hydroxyethylamide.


10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The coated aluminum substrate powder coating composition of claim 18 wherein said polymer is present in an amount ranging from 10 to 80 weight percent based on the total weight resin solids in the powder coating composition.

14. (Currently Amended) The coated aluminum substrate powder coating composition of claim 18 wherein said curing is present in an amount ranging from 2 to 40 weight percent based on the total weight resin solids in the powder coating composition.

 15. (Currently Amended) The coated aluminum substrate powder coating composition of claim 18 where said polymer is an acrylic polymer containing carboxylic acid functionality.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) A coated aluminum substrate containing a cured coating derived from a coating composition comprising:

- a. a polymer containing reactive carboxylic functional groups;
- b. a beta hydroxyalkylamide curing agent having functional groups reactive with the functional groups of the polymer which is present in an amount sufficient to cure the polymer; and

c. 0.5 to 10 weight percent based on the total weight of resin solids in the coating composition of a phenolic compound having alkyl or branched alkyl substituted groups ~~as~~ the two groups adjacent to the hydroxy group on the aromatic ring, the coated substrate being characterized as having improved filiform corrosion resistance compared to a similar coated substrate that does not contain (c) in the cured coating.

The claim amendments above do not contain new matter. Support can be found in the application as originally filed; support can specifically be found in the Examples.